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In re Application of:

Andrew HEATON et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,701

National Stage Entry: November 5, 2001

For: PRODUCTION OF
ISOFLAVONE DERIVATIVES

Group Art Unit: 1626

Examiner: G. Shameem

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment by the Examiner. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, and 10-46. Please amend claims 1 and 4-9 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the large scale preparation of a compound of formula II

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